REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1 and 3-5 were allowed in a Notice of Allowance mailed January 11, 2005. In the present 1.312 amendment, claim 1 and the specification at pages 7 and 8 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error, wherein the Y substituent of formula XVI was erroneously referred to as "Y" in defining the Y substitutent within the body of claim 1. Support for this amendment can be found at page 38, lines 16-17. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error in defining R⁷ and R⁷, wherein the substituent SO₂R¹ was identified twice.

The specification at page 7, line 27 and page 8, lines 3 and 4 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors.

No new matter has been added.

DISCUSSION

The aforementioned amendments are needed to ensure proper disclosure and protection of Applicant's claimed invention, and do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. The requested amendment to claim 1 will not require either a new search, or a new examination because the scope of claim 1 as amended is the same as the scope of claim 1 already allowed by the Examiner.

Claim 1 as amended is patentable over the prior art because the scope of amended claim 1 is the same as the scope of the claim 1 that the Examiner already indicated is patentable over the prior art.

In accordance with the remarks set forth hereinabove, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to claim 1 and the specification at page 7, line 27 and page 8, lines 3 and 4 be entered before the application issues as a patent.

SUMMARY

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the requested 1.312 Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number contained herein below. Applicants do not believe there is a fee due in connection with the presently filed 1.312 Amendment, but should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 (Bristol-Myers Squibb Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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